

FREEDONIA

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FIRST GAME OPENS

We finally have a full board for the postal game of Origins of World War II which was announced in the last issue. The players are:

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FRANCE: David Carlson, 28-02 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, N. Y. 11354; 212-445-6926

BRITAIN: Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th Street, Long Island City, N. Y. 11104; 212-784-1812

RUSSIA: Larry Fong, P. O. Box 11090, Oakland, Calif. 94611; 415-893-5941 or 415-845-4533

GERMANY: Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, Mich. 49464; 616-772-2838

The deadline for "Spring 1935" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 11 APRIL 1972. My telephone number is 212-0X 3-1579.

The fee for this game is \$3.00. Two players have yet to pay this fee, and are requested to send it in as quickly as possible.

After discussion with other Origins players, and reading a few other Origins 'zines, I have modified some of the house rules mentioned in FREEDONIA #29. There seems to be no need to delay the game by including a separate "Winter" move in the postal Diplomacy fashion. As Lew Pulsipher pointed out in a letter, there is no reason for a player to refrain from placing a "Control" or "Understanding" counter if he qualifies to do so after "Fall" moves are over.

FREEDONIA will also use the 3-letter abbreviations recommended in these publications: Als, Aus, Bal, Bri, Cze, Fra, Ger, Ita, Pol, Rhi, Rum, Rus, USA. Charts such as Table II in #29 will use this notation, but geographical designations will be spelled out for greater clarity in other connections.

The postal rules which come with the game, together with the house rules announced in this and the previous issues of FREEDONIA, will be followed. In Arena #2 Edi Birsan makes the following "Rule Additions", which are not really additions but implicitly included in the original postal rules:

(1.) You may make alternate attacks in case your prime target has been wiped out; such alternate attacks must follow the sequence of national attack orders.

(2.) Naturally, if your attacking PF's are wiped out before your attack turn your attack is cancelled.

FREEDONIA readers not involved in this game may get several issues sent to them at once, to save postage. FREEDONIA goes in trade to all other Origins 'zine publishers. See overleaf for other details about subscriptions.

Press releases are welcomed from players and non-players alike.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

A colleague in the history department once told me a story about a man who taught history at the University of Toronto. This instructor had served in some governmental capacity in World War II in London, and was full of anecdotes about "What I said to Churchill" and "What Monty said to me". He also favored a flamboyant, West-brook van Voorhees manner in his lectures. This usually impressed his class, who had been children during the war, and who were interested in hearing of it from someone who'd been there.

One day, however, his lecture style tripped him up. He was describing those last few days in the late summer of 1939, when the long awaited war began. "Where were you," he suddenly asked a girl in the front row, "on that fateful day of September 1, 1939, when the world went to war?"

"I was in a rowboat on Lake Como with Benito Mussolini."

As it turned out, she was perfectly correct. She was Edna Dollfuss, daughter of the Austrian dictator who had been assassinated by Nazis in 1934. Mussolini and Dollfuss had always been close, and after the Austrian's death Mussolini took in his family.

Several Origins bulletins are now in publication. Some of the ones which have reached my desk are:

Anschluss, Joseph O. Antosiak, 3637 Arden Ave., Brookfield, Ill. 60513. The game fee is \$3.00, and subscriptions are 12 issues for \$1.00.

Blood and Iron, Lewis Pulsipher, 321 Twin Towers, Albion, Mich. 49224. Subscriptions are 7 issues for \$1.00.

Arena, Edi Birsan, 48-20 39th Street, Long Island City, N. Y. 11104. The game fee is \$3.00, and subscriptions are 7 issues for \$1.00.

BOAST (an acronym for "Bottom of a Sewage Tank"), Herb Barents, 157 State St., Zeeland, Mich. 49464. Subscriptions are \$2 per year for Michigan residents, and \$1.75 for 13 issues for out-of-staters. The game fee is \$1.00 in addition to a subscription. Beware of the 'zine's virtual illegibility.

While not an Origins 'zine, Pete Weber's Smut has an article in its 5th issue by Joseph Antosiak. Weber's address is #2, 417 E. Hatcher, Phoenix, Ariz. 85020. Subscriptions are 9 for \$1.00.

FREEDONIA is published on alternate Saturdays by John Boardman, 234 E. 19th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Subscriptions are 8 issues for \$1.00. No games are presently open, but wait a while. FREEDONIA also goes in trade for other Origins or Diplomacy 'zines. This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

A couple of misprints crept into p. 2 of the 1st issue and were not all completely excised manually. In the second full paragraph, the word "nothin'" does not belong in the parenthesized sentence. And, just below Table I, "western Europe" should be "eastern Europe".

Larry Fong, 704 Alice St., Oakland, Calif. 94607, has just written that he also wants to Gamesmaster some Origins games. Write him for further information.

FREEDONIA is a spin-off from GRAUSTARK, the oldest bulletin for the postal play of Diplomacy. It's also 8 issues for \$1.00, from the same publisher.